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Central Pacific Transcontinental Railroad, Tunnel "0" Southern Pacific Donner Pass Route Tunnels Milepost 132.69
Applegate vicinity Placer County California

For written information regarding Tunnel "0", please refer to Central Pacific Transcontinental Railroad (HAER No. CA-196). Note also that all references to tunnel portals are given in Southern Pacific Railroad terminology. Headquartered in San Francisco, the SP considered all trains heading away from San Francisco to be eastbound, all trains heading toward San Francisco to be westbound, regardless of actual cardinal direction. Thus a train heading north from Los Angeles to Portland would be westbound until it passed San Francisco, at which time it would become eastbound. Similarly, the railroad referred to all tunnels and other structures along its lines in the same fashion, with tunnels always having west and east portals. Direction of view in the captions will indicate cardinal direction.

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CA-199-1 West portal of Tunnel "0", view to north, 90mm lens. Note inverted horseshoe shape of arch.

CA-199-2 East portal of Tunnel "0", view to south, 90mm lens.